



# Mt Cotton State School Parents & Citizens Association Newsletter – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015



*'For Our Children'*

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## NEXT P&C MEETING

Our next meeting will be held **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7pm** in the school library. Everyone is welcome!!



## From The President

Hi everyone. We are having a few people parking in the drop off and pick up zones of a morning and afternoon. This is a no parking area and a 2 minute loading zone. If you could please not park in this area from 8-9am and 2-3.30pm would be greatly appreciated so the traffic can flow through to drop off and pick up your children.

Please keep an eye out for your entertainment books as they will be coming home soon.

It's starting to get cold now and the uniform shop has some stock of jumpers and are waiting for some to arrive. If you are after a jumper please see Mel in the uniform shop.  
Have a great week! Regards Nicole

## P&C Facebook & Twitter Pages

Don't miss out on all the current school information and reminders for upcoming events. 'Like' and 'Share' our '**Mount Cotton State School Community**' page on Facebook, or search for '**MCSS Community**' on Twitter. Remember to send any reminders or notices you are aware of for your child's class or year level through to Leah Irvine so we can share the information with other parents on Facebook. Please email Leah at [leahirvine3@bigpond.com](mailto:leahirvine3@bigpond.com)



## HOW CAN I HELP?

- **CLASSROOM HELP** – Why not ask your child's teacher if there is anything they need help with? Maybe you can take some cutting out or similar home after drop-off and bring it back at pick-up time?
- **TUCKSHOP** – Can you spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to help out in our wonderful tuckshop? If so, please drop in and see Jo.
- **UNIFORM SHOP** – Can you spare an hour to help out in our Uniform Shop? Please contact Mel Foster email [mel-foster@live.com.au](mailto:mel-foster@live.com.au), phone 0418 43 87 47 to offer your assistance.

## FUNDRAISING NEWS:

Entertainment Books will be coming home soon. Also a reminder that the Mother's Day Stall is next week on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Please see below for more information and also some of the gifts on offer.

If you would like to help with fundraising our next meeting will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm in the Parent Room.

[nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemcgarrity@gmail.com)

## Tuckshop News:

With the weather getting cooler we now have homemade pumpkin soup w/roll for \$3.50. And this week's special will be hot beef roll with gravy for \$4.00. Hot chocolate is back on the menu for before school and morning tea. Anyone interested in volunteering, pop on in and say hello, any time you can spare is greatly appreciated.

Jo Wildermoth  
Tuckshop Convenor  
0468 944 420

[www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au)



## Uniform Shop News:

### **OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 2:**

Monday afternoons	2.15pm – 3.15pm
Thursday mornings	8.15am – 9.15am

**Price List & Order Form** – Found on the school website ([www.mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](http://www.mtcottonss.eq.edu.au)) under Support & Resources/Documents/P&C Assoc/Price List & Order Form), or the school office, or uniform shop. Forms can be returned to the P&C box in the school office or the uniform shop.

Hi all. If you are looking for tracksuit pants for the cooler mornings we are now selling ours for \$10. Sizes are limited and will not be reordered once sold out so get in quick!! And also just a reminder that during terms 2 and 3 the uniform shop is only open 2 days a week. These days are Monday afternoons 2.15-3.15pm and Thursday mornings 8.15-9.15am. Have a great week!

Cheers, Mel

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## Library News

### **Bookclub – please note another change to payment and ordering**

Scholastic Book Club catalogues for Issue 3, 2015 were distributed to children today.

There are 2 options for parents when ordering Book Club -

**Option 1** – send your order form to school with either cash or cheque (cheques payable to Scholastic Australia Book Club) making sure the details for student's name and class are filled in clearly. Order forms and payment are due to the Library by **WEDNESDAY May 6**

**Option 2** – Register via **scholastic.com.au/LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment system)** and order and pay directly to Scholastic online or download the app. You will need to specify your child's class and fill in their first name and initial of their last name. If you choose this option you do not have to send the order forms to school as orders will appear online when we do the school order.

### **The due date for orders placed directly through LOOP is Wednesday May 6.**

Orders after that date cannot be processed through the school – there is an option for home delivery but this will incur extra cost.

**Please note the option of making a credit card payment online or by phone and sending the order form to school with the receipt number is no longer available – you must register through LOOP to make a payment.**

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding Book Club orders.

Helen Plaschke

Teacher-Librarian / ICT Coordinator

[library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:library@mtcottonss.eq.edu.au)

## Sports News

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Mt Cotton SS **Senior Cross Country** on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015. There were a number of very close finishes not normally seen over the long distance races and this is a credit to our student's determination to do their best. Once again participation points made the difference in the total house points. The **senior results** were Barawa 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kulla 2<sup>nd</sup> and Marloo 1<sup>st</sup>. These points are combined with the junior points to give an overall winner. The 2015 **overall results** are 3<sup>rd</sup> Kulla 325, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barawa 327 and 1<sup>st</sup> Marloo 367 - congratulations

**Marloo!** Students who placed 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (born 2005, 2004 and 2003) represented Mt Cotton SS at the district cross country on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Race results follow

### **BOYS**                      **GIRLS**

#### **12yrs Born 2003**

1 <sup>st</sup> Henry	1 <sup>st</sup> Jennifer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Noah	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jorgia
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jacob	3 <sup>rd</sup> Olivia

#### **11yrs Born 2004**

1 <sup>st</sup> Max	1 <sup>st</sup> Elke
2 <sup>nd</sup> Korey	2 <sup>nd</sup> Elleisha
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lochlann	3 <sup>rd</sup> Holly

#### **10yrs Born 2005**

1 <sup>st</sup> Alfie	1 <sup>st</sup> Maya
2 <sup>nd</sup> Max	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grace
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jay	3 <sup>rd</sup> Harper

#### **Year 4**

1 <sup>st</sup> Trae	1 <sup>st</sup> Neve
2 <sup>nd</sup> Corey	2 <sup>nd</sup> Abbey
3 <sup>rd</sup> Damon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Montanna

Congratulations to all students who ran at the **Bayside District Cross Country** on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. What an amazing result - 4<sup>th</sup> Overall, 5<sup>th</sup> on percentage points and the 3 students were invited to run in the Bayside District team! After speaking to Ms Cleary on Friday afternoon it was clear this is the best cross country result Mt Cotton has achieved in a very long time. Every team member deserves to be congratulated on their efforts. It was certainly an amazing result. I have not received a list of all individual results to date but the results I do know however are:

**Alfie 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the 10yr boy's race and Bayside district team selection

**Max 10<sup>th</sup>** in the 11yr boy's race and Bayside district selection

**Maya 10<sup>th</sup>** in the 10yr girl's race and Bayside district selection

Once again, what an amazing effort by all our competitors. Good luck to Alfie, Max and Maya at the Metropolitan East Cross Country on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015.  
Yours in sport, Sue Harris

## Overall Cross Country Winner – Marloo!

## Junior Cross Country Winner - Barawa!

## From the Principal:

This Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of May, we celebrate Administrative Professionals' Day. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Peta Holmes, Ms Deb Aspinall and Mrs Kelly Meacham for their dedication to our students, staff, parents and the wider community. We appreciate their hard work! Thank you ladies!

### Parent Surveys:

We are keen to hear feedback from our parents/carers. A parent survey was sent home on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. Please return the survey by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

### SER Junior Secondary Principal Reference Group:

A group of key stakeholders from our region meet regularly to discuss the transition of our students into high school. They spoke positively about the transition of our students. The following key point was raised at the meeting by some high school teachers.

- Student preparedness for high school could be enhanced by the adoption of some key practices during Year 6 E.g. higher expectations around submission of assessment by a deadline, use of a timetable

Whilst the feedback isn't from our cluster high schools, our Senior timetable addresses this point through the Springboard program and the Year 5 and 6 teachers are encouraging high expectations around submission and assessment tasks by the deadline.

### 2015 Excursions and Incursions:

At the meeting last week, our 2015 excursions and incursions were supported by the P & C. We hope that by gaining the support of the P & C for our 2015 excursions/incursion that it gives notice to our parents about upcoming costs. More details will be given prior to each event.

Name of Excursion/ Incursion/ Camp	Date	Year Level	Approx. Cost	Transport
<b>Prep</b>				
Jacobs Well	14 Sept 18 Sept	PC & D PA & B	\$23	Bus
Professor Jellybean	20 May	Prep	\$9	N/A
<b>Year 1</b>				
Incursion - Wildlife on Wheels	8 May	1	\$9	N/A
<b>Year 3</b>				
Ngutana Lui	28 May	3	\$18.50	Bus
<b>Year 4</b>				
Apple store – imovie course	Term 2	Yr 4	\$10	Bus
Colonial Day Incursion	Term 3	Yr4	\$15	N/A
Mapleton Camp	Term 4	Yr 4	\$250	Bus
<b>Year 5</b>				
Gold Rush excursion	19 June	5	\$35	Bus
Edmund Park Camp Laurence Moogerah Dam	2-4 Sept	Yr 5	\$250	Bus

Whole School				
Shine a Light (Musical performance – incursion) Will involve a 'dress as a book character' as well.	12 Aug	P- Yr 6 2 sessions 11:30 & 1:30	\$6.60	N/A
Anzac Day Ceremony for Children	23 April	Yr 6	nil	Private + train
OTHER				
Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival	25 June	Years 3,4,5,6	\$7.00	Bus
Prep to Year 3 Swimming Carnival	Term 4	Prep to Year 3	\$7.00	Bus
Year 4 to Year 6 Swimming Carnival	Term 4	Year 4 to Year 6	\$7.00	Bus
Swimming Lessons	Term 4	Prep, Yr 1, Yr 2	\$35	Bus
5 and 6 Cluster Sport	Term 1	Year 5 & 6	\$8	Bus

### Term 2 Events:

On the last day of Term 1, a Term 2 calendar of events was sent home. If you do not receive a copy, please contact the office.

### Uniform Blitz:

During Term 2, we will have a weekly uniform blitz. This week, our blitz is: Our School Shorts! Formal: Maroon Check Skirt/Shorts/Dress Sport: Sports Shorts

### Statement of Purpose: Every Minute Counts!

At Mount Cotton State School, our attendance target is **95%**. Below is the **Week 1, Term 2** attendance percent for each class.

PA	PB	PC	PD	1A	1B	1C	1D
98.10	97.27	97.27	98.18	96.36	93.64	95.45	92.73
2A	2B	2C	2D	3A	3B	3C	
100	96.52	98.33	94.17	91.54	87.69	95.38	
4A	4B	4C	4D	5A	5B	5C	
93.33	95.2	95	96	96.13	95	94.67	
SA	SB	SC					
86.4	93.6	91.2					

We look forward to seeing you throughout the term and thank you for your ongoing support of the school. Regards, Meagan Steward. [mstew40@eq.edu.au](mailto:mstew40@eq.edu.au)

## From the Deputy Principal: Glenice Cleary

### NAPLAN:

As you would be aware your child will be completing NAPLAN testing in Week 4 of this term. These tests will be completed by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia in the areas of Numeracy, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Writing. The dates for the test are as follows:

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> of May	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> of May	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> of May
<b>Language Conventions:</b> 40 minutes (Spelling & Grammar and Punctuation)	<b>Reading:</b> 45 minutes (Yr 3) and 50 minutes (Yr 5)	<b>Numeracy:</b> 45 minutes (Yr 3) and 50 minutes (Yr 5)
<b>Writing:</b> 40 minutes		

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. *The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.* Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions. We will have our NAPLAN breakfasts again this year. The Year 3 breakfast will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of May and Year 5 will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of May. The breakfast will be from 8 am to 8:30 am. A great way to begin the day!

### Cash Window/Payments Due

The cash window is open every week on **Wednesday & Thursday from 8.15am to 9.15am and accepts cash, cheque and has EFTPOS facilities.** The school is often unable to accept late payments because of deadlines imposed by bus companies etc. **Please note that class teachers are not permitted to accept payments due to audit regulations. Events Money Due:**

- **Wildlife on Wheels, Year , \$8.50 due Thurs 7th May**
- **Professor Jellybean, Prep, \$9 due Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Ngutana Lui, Yr 3, \$18.50 due Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May**
- **Voluntary Parent Contribution \$40 per student or \$140 per family of 4 or more students**

**Please contact the school office, prior to the deadline, if you have difficulty meeting the deadlines, to make alternate arrangements. Cash Window is closed in the last week of school.**

### Mother's Day Stall – Class Visit Roster 2015

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Time	Class
Set up stall	
9.40-10am	5A
10-10.20am	Senior B
10.20-10.40am	1D
11.30-11.45am	3B
11.45-12pm	2B
12-12.15pm	5C
12.15-12.30pm	1C
12.30-12.45pm	1B
1.30-1.45pm	4C
1.45-2pm	4D
2-2.15pm	3A
2.15-2.30pm	3C

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Time	Class
Open before school from 8.30am but closed during parade	
9.15-9.30am	PA
9.30-9.45am	PD
9.45-10am	PC
10-10.15am	PB
10.15-10.30am	4A
10.30-10.45am	4B
11.30-11.45am	1A
11.45-12pm	2C
12-12.15pm	Senior A
12.15-12.30pm	Senior C
12.30-12.45pm	2A
1.30-1.45pm	2D
1.45-2pm	5B
Pack up	

**School Leaders at the Student Commemorative ANZAC Day Ceremony – ANZAC Square**